

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 22, 2013 to February 12, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application (NAO-2012-2244) from the City of Norfolk (Norfolk) for an individual permit required pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for proposed impacts to jurisdictional Waters of the United States from the Ocean View shoreline improvement project in Norfolk. Norfolk proposes to demolish eleven derelict timber groins, replace a derelict timber groin with a new rock/sheet pile groin and construct a beach nourishment project from approximately 3rd View Street to Ocean View Beach Park in the West Ocean View area. The eleven timber groins will be pulled out in their entirety, possibly through the use of water jets. Beach nourishment will involve the placement of 46,800 cubic yards (cy) of sandy material in an area totaling 311,940 square feet (7.16 acres); with 16,550 cy between mean high water and mean low water and 6,250 cy placed below mean low water. The sand will be obtained from an approved upland source that meets certain specifications. Approximately 4,700 truck loads are anticipated and the staging and construction area will be located at Sarah Constant Shrine Park. One timber groin will be replaced with a rock/sheet pile groin extending 150 feet in total bottom length, 88 feet channelward of mean high water. The rock for the groin will impact approximately 2,788 square feet of subaqueous bottom, with a total of 750 cy of armor stone. The project purpose is to abate a chronic shoreline erosion problem and to increase storm surge and wave protection to public and private properties. Norfolk has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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